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Wisahtketchahk and the Rapids

Wisahtketchahk was out walking one day and came upon some Rapids. "Little Brother!" he called out to them, "which of us can talk the longest? I challenge you to see which one of us will weary first!" The Rapids told him that only when the green earth ceased to be was he to stop his noise. But Wisahtketchahk meant to challenge the Rapids, thinking that when the winter came, surely the Rapids would have to stop their noise. And so he sat down next to them and started to say, "Blblblbl". Wisahtketchahk sat there. Winter came, and he still sat there and continued to make the noise. So did the Rapids. Finally the spring thaw came and Wisahtketchahk was beginning to be covered in the melting snow, so much that he had to get up to leave. And so he did not win his challenge to make noise longer than the Rapids. "Incredible how my Little Brother cannot be out-talked!" and with that he walked away.

Have you survived midterms yet?

Yes, it's that time of year again. Midterms. (*sigh*) Well, the good thing is you now have an idea of how you're doing in your courses and how hard you'll have to work to ace your finals. The bad news is you now know how hard you'll have to work to ace your finals! But don't fret too much. Midterms are a sign that the semester is half over, and if you've made it this far, you're more than halfway done! If you're determined to bring up your grades and do better in the second half, you should know that the Centre for Native Education is here to help you. If you need academic advising, or a quiet place to study, or computers to work on your assignments, we have it all. We can also refer you to other student services throughout the university campus which also offer help for



your academic and personal life. Counselling and Development have workshops on everything from study skills and time management to eating well and dealing with stress. Career and Placement Services can help you find a job, and the Writing Centre can help you to organize your thoughts for those term papers. Whatever you may need, it is likely the university has something to offer, or at least the resources to send you in the right direction. Good luck everyone and hang in there! Only 5 weeks of classes left!

Happy Hallowe'en!

'Tis the season to be spooky...! Is everyone out there ready for yet another year of ghosts, ghouls and goblins haunting up your neighbourhood? I have already bought a ton of those yummy little caramels and will be waiting diligently to give them out by the handful on Sunday night! If there are any left, you can bet what I'll be eating for lunch come Monday. So, now the big question is, what are you going to dress up as?

Free Breakfasts at the Centre.

This year we are serving up free breakfast to our Native students here at the Centre the first Monday of each month. All Native students, and their families are welcome to join us as we start the month off! Doors are open at 9:00 am and the food will be served until noon. We hope to see you there!

Time for a Baby Shower.

It's time for everyone to meet Thomas Frederick Stuart Robinson! Manon will be bringing in her latest little edition for lunch on Wednesday, November 17th! All are welcome to come, bring your brown bag lunch and meet the baby! It will be an informal affair, just a

chance for Manon to show him off a little. You bring your own lunch, and we'll provide the coffee and cookies! Maybe if we're lucky, Manon will let us change his diaper or burp him or something!

Academic Withdrawal

There is an extremely important deadline coming up, and if you're having trouble with a class or two, you should know about it! November 2nd is the last day to academically withdraw from your courses. If you are struggling and worried you might get a low grade which will affect your transcripts and possibly funding, then you might want to drop the course(s) you're having trouble with. It is better to have a DISC notation on your transcripts than an F. Remember, your grades will follow you around throughout your scholastic career. An F might make it difficult to apply for scholarships in the future, or to attend graduate school. It's an important decision which could end up making a big difference in the long run. Not showing up to class is not enough to drop a course, you need to call CARL and using the registration menu, drop your course officially. CARL's phone number is 275-2275, and it's available up to midnight. Remember you risk missing the deadline if you wait until the last minute and CARL is not accepting calls!

Collective Kitchen

Time for another collective kitchen! This is a program we offer to help out students who are experiencing difficulty making ends meet. A collective kitchen is where a group of people come together to cook several meals in large quantities, and then divvy up the portions to take home. It is a good way to save money, plan meals ahead of time, meet new people and have fun! If you're interested call Suzanne at the Centre at 848-7326.

Books! Books! Books!

If you have taken out any of our books from our documentation library, please bring them back as soon as possible. It's time for term papers to be researched and everyone is looking for as much material as possible. If you need to find material for your own research paper on Native issues, drop by our documentation center and see if we have anything appropriate for your topic.

More scholarships

The Gil Purcell Memorial Scholarship for Native Canadians is being offered again in 2000. This \$4000.00 scholarship is to be awarded to a Native Canadian (status, non-status, Metis or Inuit) who is studying journalism at a Canadian University or Community College. The scholarship is open to both French and English speaking Native Canadians. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage Native Canadians to enter the field of mainstream journalism. It is in memory of Gillis Purcell who from 1945 to 1969 was general manager of The Canadian Press, the national news agency. Applications are available here at the Centre for Native Education.

The National Aboriginal Caucus needs you!

The Canadian Federation of Students has a place for the voice of Aboriginal students at university. The Federation is having a national meeting in Hull, Quebec from November 24th to 28th and the National Aboriginal Caucus wants Native students to be heard. If you are interested in attending, the Concordia Student Union will arrange your transportation to Hull and the Federation will pay for your way, including accommodation. All you need to do is drop off a letter of intent to the CSU office, at the attention of Misty Mullarky, Chair External Committee. Her office is in H-637, or you can call 848-7474. Deadline is November 5th.

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